

**Amendments to the Specification:**

At page 2, after line 17, *i.e.*, after the first full paragraph and before the paragraph starting with “U.S. Patent 6,312,419” insert the following line:

Description of the Related Art

At page 3, insert the following as a new line at the top of the page before the paragraph starting with “The tampon according to the invention comprises a”:

Brief Summary of the Invention

At page 3, after line 28, *i.e.*, after the second full paragraph and before the third paragraph starting with “The invention proposes tow different preferred” insert the following as a new line:

Detailed Description